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Letter dated 5 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter, dated 5 June 1995, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Osman Ertuğ, representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 51, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) İnal BATU
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ANNEX

Letter dated 5 June 1995 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 26 May 1995 addressed to you by the Greek Cypriot representative (A/49/905-S/1995/427), which contains allegations regarding "violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus".

In response to these oft-repeated allegations of the Greek Cypriot side, I wish to reiterate, once more, that the airspace over Northern Cyprus is under the control and jurisdiction of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and the Greek Cypriot usurpers of the seat of government have no right of say over who will use this airspace and how, with the full knowledge and consent of the State. Complaints such as those contained in the said letter are, therefore, designed purely for propaganda purposes and in order to divert attention from the recent augmentation of the militarization efforts in southern Cyprus and other ominous developments.

Reports from the South indicate that, as part of its continuing build-up of arms and armed forces in the South, the Greek Cypriot administration is purchasing, in the first instance, a total of 156 armoured vehicles, including 50 AMX-30 French-made tanks, from Greece. In the meantime, the first batch of Greek mainland soldiers who will serve in the Greek Cypriot "National Guard" as professionals have arrived in South Cyprus and are reported to be undergoing induction procedures.

As is known, the Greek Cypriot administration is committed to strengthening its armoured units by bringing them to a level that will include 500 tanks over the next few years, as well as raising the active strength of the "National Guard" by 5,000 professional soldiers, mostly from Greece.

At the recent meeting in Athens between the Greek Prime Minister, Mr. Andreas Papandreou, and the Greek Cypriot "National Council", which was held on 4 May 1995, the Greek and Greek Cypriot front has, among other things, re-committed itself to the so-called "joint defence doctrine" as well as joint decision-making on all matters relating to the Cyprus question. This ominous development, which speaks for itself, while confirming the collusion between Greece and South Cyprus as far as the Cyprus issue is concerned, also explains the lack of progress in the current negotiations for a solution in the island.

I shall be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 51, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
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